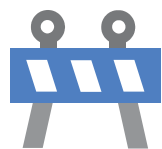




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Kinna Drive Project

City Council awarded the construction contract for the Kinna Drive Extension Project to StarEX of Covington, Ohio at its December 15 meeting. The \$1,060,000 Kinna Drive Project is being funded with \$500,000 in state grants from the Industrial Site Improvement Fund (ISIF) and State 629 Road Improvement Funds, property owner contributions, and Tipp City monies. This project will complete all of Kinna Drive (roadway and utilities) within the Northgate Commerce Center which will make available 97-acres of

“shovel-ready sites” for industrial development to accommodate future investment by existing and additional business prospects. Tipp City, Miami County, the Northgate Commerce Center “property owner” (Gateway Center Development), and Transfreight LLC partnered to write a winning grant application, which has allowed this project to move forward. Construction of Kinna Drive is expected to be completed by the fall of 2009. The City is very pleased to be able to work with all of our development partners to make the project a reality.

Your Parks

Tipp City Parks are some of the most beautiful in Miami County. These parks are cared for by four full-time employees who, along with two part-time and four seasonal employees mow and trim over 230 acres of parkland. This compares to Troy's 300 acres maintained by 9 full time and 5 seasonal employees, Vandalia's 200 acres maintained by 6 full-time and 6 seasonal employees, and Piqua's 260 acres maintained by 6 full time and 4 seasonal employees. Tipp City has over 432 acres of dedicated park land and has acquired and additional 250 acres of well field protected land that are now maintained as prairies.



Historic Tipp City

This is the first in what will be an ongoing series of articles focused on Tipp City's downtown historic district. Did you know that Tipp City's downtown historic district has 88 properties listed (as a district) on the National Register of Historic Places? The National Register is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts (like Tipp City's) and also sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. Tipp City's historic district is generally located along Main Street between Hyatt Street and First Street, with its northern border at Walnut Street and its southern border along Dow Street. More information can be found at Tipp City's website at www.tippcityohio.gov/Restoration.cfm.

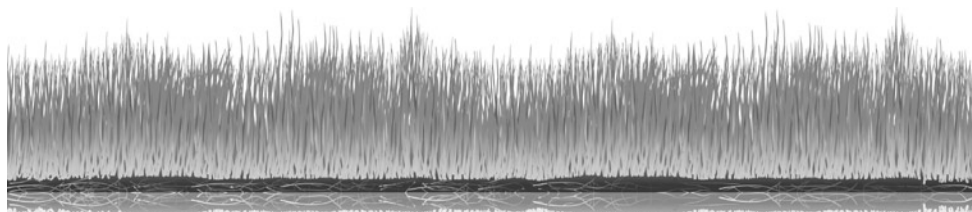
Tipp City Named Preserve America Community

The City of Tipp City was recently honored when First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of the Preserve America initiative, designated it as one of the nation's newest Preserve America Communities.

“Preserve America Communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America's heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment,” Mrs. Bush said. “This community designation program, combined with the Preserve America Grant Program, Preserve America Presidential Awards, and other federal support, provides strong incentives for continued preservation of our cultural and natural heritage resources. I commend you for your commitment to preserving an important part of our nation's historic past for visitors, neighbors, and, most importantly, for children.”

Nearly \$17 million in Preserve America Grants have been awarded since 2006 to support community efforts to demonstrate sustainable uses of their historic and cultural sites, focusing on the economic and educational opportunities related to heritage tourism. Grants for 44 recipients in 24 states totaling more than \$4.3 million were announced on September 29, 2008 and the next round of grants will

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Honey Creek Watershed

On December 8, Honey Creek Watershed Association began a stream restoration project on Honey Creek at the Honey Creek Preserve on State Route 202 in Tipp City.

The Honeycreek Watershed Association is able to carry out this project with funding from the Ohio EPA through their 319 Stream Restoration Grant Program. The cost of this project is \$129,400 and will include restoring and stabilizing 510 feet of stream bank, planting two acres of native tree species and two acres of native grasses to widen and enhance the riparian habitat along this section of Honey Creek. Construction on the creek will continue throughout the winter and four acres of new habitat will be planted in the spring. Weather permitting, this project should be completed by the beginning of May.

The completion of this project will improve water quality by annually reducing an estimated 41.4 tons of sediment, 82.7 lbs. of nitrogen and 41.4 lbs. of phosphorus from entering into the Honey Creek. These reductions in nutrients from neighboring fields and sediment loadings will also enhance the aquatic habitat, inviting more diverse and higher quality fish such as the River Chub and the Scarlet Shiner that have been spotted in other sections of Honey Creek. 🌿

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be announced in January. The grants of \$20,000 to \$250,000 are awarded on a competitive, matching fund basis to help communities develop sustainable management strategies and sound business practices for the continued preservation and use of their heritage assets.

The Preserve America initiative is an Administration effort to encourage and support community efforts to preserve and enjoy America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past; strengthened regional identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and

support for the economic vitality of our communities.

The White House is working with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Transportation, the General Services Administration, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the President's Council on Environmental Quality, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities to implement Preserve America. For more information about the initiative and its programs, visit www.preserveamerica.gov. 🌿

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Congratulations to the following residents who were recently appointed by Council to serve on various Boards and Commissions: Mike McFarland, Joseph Gibson, Katelyn Black, Stacy Wall, James Williams, Patti Berbach, Rob Blakey, Kent Moyer, and Joanna Pittenger.

The Restoration and Architectural Board of Review, Cable Access Commission, and the Building Standards Board of Review still have vacancies. If you are interested in serving or wish to learn more about these Boards, please visit our website www.tippcityohio.gov and go to the City Government section. You may also contact the Clerk of Council at 667-8425 for additional information. 🌿



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669-TIPP
- **Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY)**
9-1-1
- **Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency)**
440-9911
- **Police (Non-Emergency)**
667-3112
- **Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)**
667-9199 or 667-1680
- **Utility Billing**
667-8424
- **Planning/Zoning**
667-6305
- **Engineering and Utilities**
667-6305
- **Refuse Collection (Waste Management)**
866-695-3433
- **Service Center (Parks and Streets)**
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- **City Manager's Office**
667-8425
- **Clerk of Council**
667-8425
- **Construction Notice Update**
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